

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 5                   1.     A method for central control and intelligent routing of data network traffic comprising the steps of:
- A. Continuously collecting data from the network components;
- B. Determining congestions and error conditions;
- C. Determining routing solutions to alleviate the problems; and
- 10               D. Implementing the solutions by changing the configuration of network components.
2.     The method of claim 1 further comprising
- 15               the step of:
- E. Identification of congestion on the links using standard statistical methods and a user defined threshold.
3.     The method of claim 1 further comprising
- 20               the step of:
- E. Sequencing of actions to be taken while implementing the solution in the network..

4. The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of:

E. Determination of the solution by changing the routing of one or more demands to alleviate the network problem.

5. A system for central control of routing of a digital network comprising:

A Data Collection engine;

An Analysis engine;

A Configuration engine;

A Communication Bus engine;

A Data Store engine ; and

A User Interface engine.

6. The system of claim 5 wherein the data collection engine performs the steps of:

collecting network data;

correct and fills missing data, and

convert the data to a format for use by the Data Store Engine.

7. The system of claim 5 wherein the data analysis engine performs the steps of:

retrieve a report of a network problem from the data store engine,  
formulates the problem as a set of mathematical equations,  
solves the equations, wherein the solution provides a solution  
5 for the set of traffic under management.

8. The system of claim 5 wherein the communication bus performs the step of:  
allow for message to be posted by an engine to be viewed by  
10 another engine.

9. The system of claim 7 wherein the communication bus performs the step of:  
allow for message to be posted by an engine to be viewed by  
another engine.

15 10. The system of claim 8 wherein the data collection engine performs the steps of:  
collecting network data;  
correct and fills missing data, and  
20 convert the data to a format for use by the Data Store Engine.

**11.** A network server for providing routing of a digital network, comprising:

a computer,

wherein the computer is capable of being operatively connected to the network,

wherein the computer is capable of receiving data from a plurality of nodes within the network,

wherein the computer is capable of recognizing network congestions, and

wherein the computer is capable of rerouting traffic.

**12.** The server of Claim 11 wherein the computer is capable of formulating solution of network congestion.

**13.** The server of Claim 12 wherein the computer formulates the solution by minimizing an equation.

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wherein the equation is subject to the equations comprising:

$$x_{ij}^{uv} = 0 \text{ or } 1 \quad \forall (u, v), \forall [i, j]$$

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$$B_{i,j} = \text{bandwidth available on arc } [i,j]$$

$X_{ij}^{uv}$  = variable to be solved

5           **15.** The server of Claim 12 wherein the equation is utilizes a priority value of a network demand based on business attributes and criteria.

10           **16.** The server of Claim 15, wherein the priority value is calculated by the steps of:  
a user selecting from a plurality of business attributes;  
the user creating of a defined mathematical formula based on the attributes to calculate relative priorities of demands;  
computer automated collection of data related to the current value of the business attributes; and  
15 computer automated calculation of a priority values.